

ALASKA FEDERATION OF NATIVES, INC.

2008 ANNUAL CONVENTION

RESOLUTION 08-13

TITLE: IN SUPPORT OF THE ALASKA MARKETPLACE INITIATIVE BY
THE ALASKA FEDERATION OF NATIVES

WHEREAS: The Alaska Federation of Natives has begun a project, together with many partners, called the "Alaska Marketplace," which has successfully operated for three years and is entering its fourth year; and

WHEREAS: The Alaska Marketplace is a competition for innovative business ideas by Alaska Natives, which provides monetary awards to successful applicants, from public and private funding sources; and

WHEREAS: The Alaska Marketplace supports Cultural Heritage, Innovation, Sustainability/Profitability, and creates job opportunities to benefit rural Alaska communities; and

WHEREAS: The Alaska Marketplace goal is to showcase business ideas for stimulating economic development in Alaska; and

WHEREAS: The Alaska Marketplace has drawn considerable local, regional and statewide media coverage; and the Alaska Marketplace and the Denali Commission earned a National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) Innovation Award for 2008; and

WHEREAS: The Alaska Marketplace has brought a broad spectrum of partners from across the state—civil society groups, social entrepreneurs, government agencies, academia, and the private sector resulting in numerous different funding agreements; and has established over 40 in-kind partnerships.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the delegates to the 2008 Annual Convention of the Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc., that on behalf of our Native people and communities, we support the continuation of the Alaska Marketplace and applaud AFN and the partner organizations and companies that have contributed to the Alaska Marketplace; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Delegates to the 2008 Annual Convention will help AFN support and publicize the Alaska Marketplace competition with the Alaska villages.

SUBMITTED BY: AFN BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CONVENTION ACTION: PASSED

